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NOME SUBDISTRICT BEACH SEINE USE EXTENDED ONE WEEK

Aerial surveys have shown pink salmon in the lower reaches of Nome Subdistrict rivers. Salmon run timing is delayed this year, likely the result of a late spring.

To increase the efficiency of the subsistence harvest during the usual better drying weather in early summer the department will allow the use of beach seines during the scheduled subsistence gillnet fishing periods the first week of July.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all marine waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for fresh waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. The fresh water areas open to gillnet fishing are listed on the permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets.

Beach seines can be used during gillnet fishing periods until the scheduled closure at 6 p.m. July 7.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas and all chum salmon must be immediately released in the water when fishing in the Nome Subdistrict outside of the subsistence areas listed on the back of the permit. No snagging is allowed anywhere in fresh waters.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!